

General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 5357

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LCO No. 1568

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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by: (ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING A DEAF CHILD BILL OF RIGHTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective from passage) The individualized education program for any child identified as deaf or hearing impaired 3 shall include a language and communication plan developed by the 4 planning and placement team for such child. Such language and 5 communication plan shall address: (1) The primary language or mode 6 of communication chosen for the child, (2) opportunities for direct communication with peers and professional personnel in the primary 8 language or mode of communication for the child, (3) educational options available to the child, (4) the qualifications of teachers and 10 other professional personnel administering such plan for the child, 11 including such teacher's or personnel's proficiency in the primary 12 language or mode of communication for the child, (5) the accessibility 13 of academic instruction, school services and extracurricular activities 14 to the child, (6) assistive devices and services for the child, and (7) 15 communication and physical environment accommodations for the 16 child.

This act sha sections:	all take effect as follo	ws and shall amend the follow	ring
Section 1	from passage	New section	

Statement of Purpose:

To require the individualized education program for a child who is deaf or hearing impaired to include a language and communication plan.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]